



Friends of Quarry Newsletter October 2019

Friends of Quarry Projects



Last year we proposed planting bulbs at the Beaumont Road entrance to Headington Quarry. It was envisaged that this would be a community effort, with the bulbs, mostly daffodils, provided by Friends of Quarry. The bulbs have been purchased using a grant from the City Council, and we will be planting them this October (see next page). We have, in consultation with the City and County Council, decided to expand this plan by planting shrubs along the edges of this section of the entrance to Beaumont Road, and are now getting quotations for the work as well as applying for a grant to fund it. Next year we hope to extend the bulb planting scheme to the London Road entrance to Quarry. At the last



AGM support was given for a stone sign to replace the broken metal sign at the corner of the Green Road and Beaumont Road. An "artists" impression of the proposed sign is shown here. The proposed site of the sign is shown by the arrow in the picture on the front page. We now have permission for

this and are obtaining quotations for the stone and installation. Funding to pay for the project is being sought, and we are grateful to Councillor Roz Smith who has given us a generous grant towards the project. We are still seeking permission to site a bench near the shop on Gladstone Road.

Events

So far this year we have organized a wine and cheese evening in March, a social event in Quarry Hollow Park in June and the recent Quiz night held in the Masons Arms' function room. Next on the list of social events is **Bulb Planting on Saturday 26th starting at 10am**. We invite everyone who wants to help with the planting to come along to junction of Beaumont Road and Green Road, spade in hand and help improve the look of this area in Quarry. Closely following this will be the Friends of Quarry **Annual General Meeting which will be held in the village hall on November the 14th at 8pm**, followed by a talk by Roy Kerry on the Holy Trinity churchyard.

Traffic

In June of this year, the City Council carried out a consultation on the possibility of having a controlled parking zone (CPZ) in Quarry. Of the areas polled in this consultation, Quarry had some of the highest responses and 70% of these responses were in favour of a CPZ. The consultation also showed that 30% of daytime parking in Quarry is due to commuter parking. This agrees with our previous studies and provides a strong argument for a CPZ. A formal consultation should

now be organized to see what type of CPZ will be introduced. The timing of this is as yet unclear but, as the recent press release from the Council suggests the roll out of the CPZs by 2021 it should be soon.

Recently the Council has made proposals to put bus gates across some of the inner city roads. These are intended to restrict the flow of traffic in the city, and persuade people to use the ring road and the major roads to travel into the city rather than cutting through minor roads. In parallel, the introduction of CPZs and charging for work parking will be introduced. It is thought that these changes should reduce the volume of traffic passing through the city and allow public transport to move more freely. Inevitably this will mean more traffic on the ring road and London Road. Consequently, Beaumont Road could become more attractive as a way into the city. At present, up to 500 cars per hour pass through Beaumont Road at peak times and any further increase would increase the hazard to pedestrians and other road users in Quarry. Friends of Quarry will continue to monitor the traffic flow, as we have in the past, and make the authorities aware if an increase is found. We will also make the Council aware of our concerns and be fully involved in any consultations on these proposals.

We would like to hear your views about these issues and any ideas you may have about dealing with the traffic and parking in Quarry, so send them via our website, email, or Facebook page. We can then use these in our discussions with the Councils.

Parking on the pavements in Quarry remains a problem for pedestrians but, in some areas, is a necessity for residents in order to prevent the road from being blocked. However, if the pavement is blocked such that a push chair, pram or wheelchair cannot pass then this is Obstruction, which can be reported to the police. Recently, they have taken action on reports of Obstruction in Quarry, so it is worth reporting examples of anti-social parking.

Planning

We continue to monitor the building at 1 Quarry High Street at the junction of Quarry High Street and Margaret Road, to ensure that the original boundary and hedge are reinstated. Following the start of construction in the last months we have been sufficiently concerned about the impact of the building on the entrance of the conservation area that we have contacted the Planning Enforcement department of the City Council.

Communications

We will continue to produce Newsletters periodically, but would like to be able to communicate with you more regularly than that. There are a number of ways that you can engage with us to get our news and other updates including:

- Our website (www.friendsofquarry.org)
- Our Facebook page (The Friends of Quarry)
- NextDoor
- Subscribing to our email list

Our updates will continue to be available on the website and Facebook as well.

If you want to contact us or subscribe to the email list, the best way is to email friendsofquarry@gmail.com or send us a note via the 'Contact Us' page of our website or phone 01865 760026, or 01865 762418.